



Leadership Academy Minutes

April 8, 2017

The Great Lakes Shrine Association hosted its Second Leadership Conference at Ansar Shrine Center in Springfield, IL. There were 34 participants. The session was opened by Phil Thrasher, Past President and Academy Director. President Mike Donaker welcomed all to Ansar and thanked them for coming.

Topics covered in the morning session included the following:

- Shriners International - who to contact
- Shriners Hospitals for Children
- St. Louis SHC
- GLSA - organization, structure, and events
- Internal Organization of a Shrine - how to set it up
- Fund Raising by Edgar County Shrine Club
- Leadership Issues
- Public Relations
- Membership
- Event Planning

Following a light lunch, the attendees broke up into groups and worked together to resolve realistic questions posed of them. Each group shared their thoughts and ideas concerning these questions. The questions delved into fund raising, public relations, membership, and leadership.

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